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DEPARTMENT PASS COMMERCE, OPIC, EXIM

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SUBJECT: SCHEDULING OF USG EVENTS IN PHILIPPINES

REFS: (A) STATE 203573, (B) 77 A-3217 AND STATE 173686,  
- (C) STATE 149314, (D) 77 MANILA 19021

1. AS THE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE USG-SPONSORED AND RELATED  
EVENTS IN MANILA TAKES SHAPE, WE FORESEE THE POSSIBILITY  
OF A SERIOUS BUNCHING OF EVENTS IN LATE OCTOBER AND EARLY  
NOVEMBER.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THAT PERIOD IS SHAPING UP TO INCLUDE THE  
FOLLOWING:

- -- CONSULAR CONFERENCE FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 3,  
- INCLUDING A VISIT FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON  
- (STATE 203573)
  - -- THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL  
- SEMINAR FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 3 (REF B)
  - -- A WORLD POPULATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE FROM OCTOBER 24  
- TO 28, WHICH WILL INVOLVE VISITS BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL
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- GREEN, ASSISTANT AID ADMINISTRATORS JOHN SULLIVAN AND  
- SANDER LEVIN, AND THE SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT (PHILANDER  
- CLAXTON)
- -- THE AID REGIONAL MEETING OF HEALTH, POPULATION AND  
- NUTRITION FROM OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 1 FOR WHICH  
- ADMINISTRATORS SULLIVAN AND LEVIN PLAN TO REMAIN IN

- MANILA.
- -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR OPIC INVEST-  
- MENT MISSION (STATE 149314) CALLS FOR VISIT TO MANILA  
- FROM OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 1.
- -- WE ALSO UNDERSTAND VISIT BY EXIM PRESIDENT MOORE MAY  
- BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER.
- -- FINALLY, THE 1978 WORLD CONGRESS OF JCS, TO WHICH  
- EMBASSY ANXIOUS TO DEVOTE TIME AND RESOURCES, SCHEDULED  
- TO TAKE PLACE IN MANILA FROM NOVEMBER 5 TO 13.  
- (MANILA 19021 OF DECEMBER 2, 1977)

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CONCENTRATION OF SO MANY EVENTS IN SUCH SHORT PERIOD WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO PROVIDE KIND OF SUPPORT AND EXPOSURE TO GOP OFFICIALS (INCLUDING REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS) WHICH ARE WARRANTED FOR EVENTS AND VISITORS MENTIONED ABOVE.

4. TO AVOID THIS, WE ASK THAT DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH USG AGENCIES CONCERNED THE POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING SOME OF THE ABOVE EVENTS SO THEY ARE SPREAD OVER A LONGER TIME FRAME. FOR EXAMPLE: COULD THE OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION AND VISIT BY EXIM PRESIDENT MOORE BE PLANNED FOR MID OR LATE NOVEMBER - OR EVEN EARLY DECEMBER? SUCH RESCHEDULING WOULD

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ALSO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF AVOIDING NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY, WHICH IS TREATED AS HOLIDAY HERE. (DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO RAISE WITH OPIC AND EXIM WHETHER EITHER ONE SEES ADVANTAGE TO HAVING THEIR VISIT COINCIDE WITH END OF JCS WORLD CONGRESS.) MURPHY

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